

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion  
April 5, 2020

“HOSANNA!”

Hosanna! is a cry of praise because it means ‘Save us now!’ It is a cheer for the man who came to save us through his love, healing and forgiveness. Jesus, the savior of the world, began his passion as he rode into Jerusalem on this day.

This is the first time I have celebrated a Palm Sunday Mass without a congregation. I blessed palms and prayed that we may meet soon and celebrate as a church family. I remembered everyone during Mass and asked God to heal those suffering from the virus, as well as putting an end to the disease. These are trying times for all.

Holy Week is such a special and meaningful week in our Church. We remember that Jesus gave everything for us so that we may enjoy eternal rest in heaven. He gave the greatest sacrifice of all – dying on the cross for us. Although we are not doing any live stream events, I encourage you all to watch and participate in Holy Week services on television or through the internet. St. Stephen in Riverview, Florida (parish of Deacon Mike) hosts many events throughout each day. [www.ststephencatholic.org](http://www.ststephencatholic.org) The Archdiocese of New York is also streaming Mass from St. Patrick's Cathedral. EWTN is a great television channel for Mass. Rosary & Divine Mercy as well.

I taped a short homily today. Here are the links: (both are the same recording)

<https://sjechurch.org/documents/2020/4/Palm%20Sunday.mp3>

<https://stmaryofthesnow.org/documents/2020/4/Palm%20Sunday.mp3>

I will try to tape an Easter homily for you as well.

In closing, know that I wish you all the best. Stay healthy and I hope to see you soon! Let us all sing HOSANNA! today and ask our Savior to heal our world and its people in physical, mental & spiritual health.

God bless!

Fr. Chris